

More than 250 Student Interns Gain Real-world Experience at INL

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More than 250 students from Idaho regional high schools and universities from throughout the country participated in Idaho National Laboratory's annual intern program this summer. High school students, mainly from southeast Idaho, spent several weeks this summer working in selected scientific research and professional areas to gain experience and career insights for future decisions.

University students came from as far away as Harvard and Princeton on the East Coast to join a large number of students from Intermountain universities in Idaho, Utah, Montana and Wyoming for summer science and engineering work. In all, 35 states from across America were represented by students working in basic science, advanced engineering, communication, research design, national and homeland security, chemistry, alternative energies, intellectual property commercialization, materials science, ecology and environmental issues, cyber security and many other areas.

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The purpose of the INL intern program is to assist students to develop abilities to think rationally, identify variables, experiment with and solve problems, to collect, manipulate and evaluate data, and to communicate and work with others. Andy Klein, director of Education, Training and Research Partnerships at INL, has said, "In order to prepare a scientifically capable and literate work force, it is important that students be given an opportunity to explore and solve real-life problems."

INL's intent is to offer stimulating project-based educational experiences so that interns are better equipped to meet the demands of research, industry and government, and to help the nation meet its current and future energy and national security needs.

Each year, Idaho National Laboratory sponsors an extensive intern program for high school and university-level students. Many students find the work so interesting that they return for a second or third year to gain experience, build their resumes for advanced education and help them decide on their life's work.



Travis Roth, a student intern from the University of Wyoming, worked with INL's Process Engineering Group during the summer.



Students discuss the results of their summer internships at INL.

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